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Reply To : HPR-ID

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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #'s 1 and 2

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your November 14, 2008 and December 1, 2008 letters requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #'s 1 and 2, providing for the addition of the following projects:

- KN 10451, City of Rocks Back Country Byway, State 3, \$4.477M (Public Lands Discretionary funds), FY-2009
- KN 09267, Local Asset Management, \$506,000 (STP funds), FY-2009 through 2012

Because the projects are not intermodal in nature and will not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for the requested change.

In regards to the projects addressed in ITD's request, I find that:

1. Project KN 09267 qualifies for grouped listing per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, on this basis, will not require additional public involvement.
2. Project KN 10451 is the final stage of the City of Rocks projects and as such has already received extensive public involvement in conjunction with the project development process for the entire project. Therefore, no further public involvement is necessary for programming the construction of this final stage.
3. The projects are outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal quality conformity regulations will not apply (ref. 40 CFR Section 93.126).
4. The proposed amendments are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, amendment #'s 1 and 2 are approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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